

REMARKS

The Examiner vacated the Notice of Allowance and rejects claims 23-29 and 33-42 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Hansen EP '051. Claims 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Hansen further in view of Krolczyk.

Claim 23 distinguishes over Hansen at least by reciting storing the first data in a first file, generating and storing third data in an additional file, said third data comprising data of the elements to be printed on the register tab, and processing the first data and the third data with aid of a second program module so that second data are generated, and with aid of said second data print data for generation of a print image on a register tab are added to a print data stream, and then the register tab is printed with the print image. This clearly distinguishes over Hansen paragraphs 0058-0067 to generate print data from a first file and an additional different file with aid of a second data where the first file contains information for formatting and the additional file (third data) is data with elements to be printed. The Examiner indicates that the first data for formatting is found in paragraph 0061. At line 24, in column 26 the '051 reference discusses formatting for the tab label 704. In paragraph 0061, the Examiner references a pull down menu/dialog box for setting or generating data, and at paragraph 0066, the Examiner cites the print image added to a print data stream. Paragraph 0066 discusses an alternate embodiment where the tab separator pages may be automatically generated based on bookmarks stored within the document printer. But these disclosures nowhere indicate the first data for formatting stored in a first file, a third data comprising data of the elements to be printed on the register tab and an additional file, and nowhere can Applicant find the

recited second data with aid of which print data for generation of a print image are added to the print data stream.

The Krolczyk reference for generating data of a further print image in at least one section of the separator sheet outside of the register tab and thus does not satisfy the deficiencies noted above with respect to Hansen.

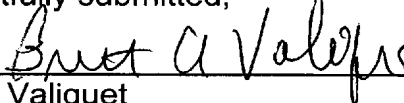
Dependent claims 24-40 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claims 23 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Independent claim 41 is a system claim and distinguishes in a manner discussed above for claim 23.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

Respectfully submitted,

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